GAS GIRLS

OFFICIAL MATCH MAGAZINE
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020
BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S VS AEK-BOCO LADIES
THE VITALITY WOMEN'S FA CUP - 1ST RD QUALIFYING

THE NEW ARRIVALS

Introducing the new 'Gas Girls'

WE PLAY WITH PRIDE

Announcing our new partnership with Bristol Pride in style!

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S VS AEK-BOCO LADIES

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

WELCOME

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

First of all I'd like to thank you for downloading our first 'Match Day Magazine' of the new season and I'd like to welcome the players and officials from AEK-BOCO Ladies for Sunday's Vitality Women's FA Cup First Round Qualifying tie at Lockleaze Sports Centre.

Sadly, we're unable to welcome both sets of supporters to the match, due to a member of the bar staff at Lockleaze Sports Centre testing positive for Covid-19. Firstly, we've heard that the member of staff is recovering well which is fantastic news. Unfortunately, this does mean that fans won't be able to access the spectator areas as the bar & function rooms are in the process of being deep cleaned.

Sporting activities at the Centre are up and running once again with all changing rooms and facilities downstairs thoroughly cleaned. This has enabled LSC to make sure that both sets of players will be in a safe environment when they arrive on Sunday. If there was any doubts in our minds that the players and staff were in any danger, we would have instantly pulled the plug. Safety is paramount!

What's disappointing is that we were all looking forward to welcoming a load of 'Gas Heads' with a good amount of supporters from AEK-BOCO for a match that sold out within minutes. The appetite for watching live football is certainly thriving during these strange times and we can't wait to welcome everyone back to watch the girls again in the very near future.

It's been a busy few months for the club as preparations for the new season were in full swing by early July. The 'Open Sessions' were a brilliant success, with nearly 60 girls registering their interest to play for us. You'll get to hear about our new 'Gas Girls' shortly.

Off the pitch we were thrilled to have been awarded The Best Community Development Initiative Award at this years FA Women's Football Award. The surprise Zoom call from Fran Kirby was and unexpected surprise.

We've also teamed up Bristol Pride to produce a special edition away kit which has gone down a storm with the fans. Working within our community is incredibly important and these partnerships will only help us to promote an inclusive environment for all.

Thank you once again for you incredible support and we look forward to seeing you all at our next home fixture. UTGG!

Matthew Davies

Proud sponsors of Bristol Rovers

Specialists in Professional Indemnity, Commercial Insurance and Employee Benefits

With our open market approach, Brunel Group is dedicated to matching the right insurance solutions for UK businesses of all sizes.

Our team can review your current policies, from general insurances or PI to employee benefits packages, and offer the right solutions at the right price to suit your businesses requirements.

Brunel GROUP

0117 325 2224

www.brunelgroup.co.uk

contactus@brunel-insurance.co.uk

The Brunel Group of companies are all registered in England & Wales. Registered Office: 3 Temple Quay, Temple Back East, Bristol BS1 6DZ
Brunel Group is a trading style of Brunel Professions Limited & Brunel Insurance Brokers Limited who are both authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, FCA numbers 556188 and 306497 respectively. Brunel Employee Benefits is a trading style of Glentworth Insurance Services Ltd who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, FCA number 307019. Glentworth Insurance Services is part of the Brunel Group of companies.

WELCOME

NATHAN HALLETT-YOUNG

Hello everyone! I'd like to welcome the officials, staff and players from AEK-BOCO Ladies to LSC for this afternoons match. It's such a shame that we won't be able play in front of our awesome fans but safety is our priority and we'd like to thank the staff at Lockleaze Sports Centre for dealing with the situation professionally. We hope that our fans will be able to return very shortly.

Before the season started, we looked at the Women's FA Cup as an opportunity to further challenge ourselves against other teams in higher divisions. Our target was to be in the hat for the first qualifying round which we're delighted to have achieved after a phenomenal performance against Bristol & West Ladies in the Extra Preliminary Round and a spirited showing against Chipping Sodbury which tested our character as a squad with after a spirited come-back in the second half from our opponents. Arguably, for the first time since we started as a club, the pressure is now off. AEK-BOCO Ladies have been an integral part of the women's football scene in the City for years and have a well respected and successful youth setup. We have nothing but admiration for the work that their volunteers have put in to make sure that the club is at forefront of women's football within Bristol.

Their senior side compete in the South West Regional League (Division One) which sits one tier above us in the football pyramid. We're under no illusions that this will be a great challenge for us and a positive result against another team in the league above, would be an amazing achievement.

I'm delighted to welcome Katy-May O'Hara Nash into the squad for the first time on Sunday. Her experience will be a huge benefit for us before she returns to Spain in January. There's some good news regarding some of our longer term injuries as Katie Rawlings & Georgia Vandries have returned to full training with Sarah Harris on course to return in November.

The squad really has been shaping up well over the summer and I've been impressed with the work-ethic and attitude on display. Everyone wants to do their bit for the good of the team, the club and when you have that mentality within the squad, it really makes a positive difference. UTGG!

Nathan Hallett-Young

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S VS AEK-BOCO LADIES

"Homophobia is a big problem in sport and this is a very clear message. We can't wait to see the girls wear the shirts with pride."

#WePlayWithPride

THE GAS GIRLS & BRISTOL PRIDE

We were delighted to launch a special edition away kit in partnership with Bristol Pride back in September.

Bristol Pride is a registered charity organised by volunteers from the community who work all year round to challenge homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and promote equality and diversity, for all, through various events, school visits and consultation services. The Bristol Pride Festival also attracts close to 40,000 people every year.

Bristol Rovers Women's and Bristol Rovers Community Trust are also excited to be working alongside Bristol Pride to organise future events and help bring the community together to celebrate, create understanding, opportunities for engagement and to tackle discrimination.

'Gas Girls' Club Secretary and Marketing Manager, Matthew Davies, said: "I am absolutely delighted to establish this partnership with such an inspiring organisation and charity like Bristol Pride.

We've been in discussion with the team at Bristol Pride for a number of months and it was very clear that we all share the same community values and strive to challenge homophobia of any kind in society. To donate the front of this shirt to Bristol Pride and to be able to wear their brand is a huge honour and we're really excited by what we're able to achieve by working together in the future. I'd also like to thank Bob Seymour from Ahimsa Yoga Bristol who helped us the launch of the kit and shares our values as a club."

Eve Russell, Festival Director at Bristol Pride, added: "We were so excited when Matt got in touch. Sport reaches and connects with so many people of all ages, races, sexes genders and everything in-between. Homophobia is a big problem in sport and this is a very clear message. We wish them all the best with the season ahead and we can't wait to see the girls wear the shirts with pride."

You can purchase your replica shirt by visiting;
https://macronstoregloucester.com/club-shop/a-b/bristol-rovers-ct-players-participants/

ASG SPORTS THERAPY

ASSESS REHABILITATE PROGRESS

Graduate Sports Therapist
Member of the Society of Sports Therapists

Sports Injury Clinic

Not just for athletes!

Injury Assessment

Rehabilitation

Injury Prevention

Joint Mobilisations

Sports and Kinesiology Taping

Postural Assessment

Sports Massage

Dry Needling

Contact

asgsportstherapy@gmail.com

ASG Sports Therpy

ASG_SportsTherapy

NEWS FLASH!

We're delighted to welcome Spanish forward, Katy-May O'Hara Nash to the 'Gas Girls. Katy-May will be with us until January where she will be moving back to her native Gran Canaria. We're looking forward to having this experienced striker with us for the next few Months.

Back in August we invited a mixed squad from the Bristol Women's Casual League to play against our Development Team to celebrate our new partnership. It was a pleasure to welcome the girls to Lockleaze Sports Centre and get together for the first time since our affiliation was announced. We certainly hope that this will become an annual fixture in the calendar and we can't wait to come down to one of their match days at Brunel Academy this season.

THE NEW ARRIVALS

Our Summer 'Open Sessions' proved to be another success with nearly 60 girls registering their interest to attend. With limited spaces available in both squads and an impressive array of talent on display, the decision of who to sign was very difficult, however we're all delighted to welcome our new arrivals to Bristol Rovers.

ANNYS TURNER

POSITION - FORWARD
AGE - 23

The left-footed forward joins Bristol Rovers from National League South club Keynsham Town. Turner has also worked with Nathan Hallett-Young during their time at Bristol University. Her experience playing at a higher level will undoubtedly help the younger members of our squad throughout the season and beyond.

KELLY CUTLER

POSITION - DEFENDER
AGE - 29

Cutler joins Bristol Rovers as a full-back however the versatile defender is able to adapt to many other positions. Cutler has recently been playing in the South Wales Women's & Girls League for Caldicot Town, but recently decided to find a club a bit nearer to home. Her character and phenomenal attitude is integral to have in our squad.

GEORGIA JOHN

POSITION - MIDFIELDER
AGE - 23

The Welsh midfielder signed for Bristol Rovers off the back of a year being unable to play due to illness. The former Cardiff City player and FAW Women's Cup winner will be another key addition to the first-team squad. John impressed during the 'Open Sessions' and we're looking forward to seeing her progress throughout the season.

THE NEW ARRIVALS

KATIE DAVIES

POSITION - DEFENDER
AGE - 16

Davies has been training with the 'Gas Girls' for the last 12 Months but has officially signed, now that she has turned 16. The Bristol Rovers Community Trust student has already produced stand-out performances in our two FA Cup ties, despite her age and lack of senior football experience. Her work-ethic and attitude makes Katie one to look out for in the future.

JESS FRAZER

POSITION - FORWARD
AGE - 18

The rapid forward instantly impressed at the 'Open Sessions' and decided to join the 'Gas Girls' soon after the coaching staff offered her a slot in the squads. Frazer has already featured in our two FA Cup ties and will continue to be a prominent figure in both squads this season.

BETTY PLATT

POSITION - GOALKEEPER
AGE - 17

Betty's attitude and willingness to learn stood out during the 'Open Sessions' and at training sessions throughout the summer. Despite her age, Platt has great potential and with her work-ethic we're sure that the young goalkeeper will constantly improve with us for years to come.

THE NEW ARRIVALS

TAMSIN SHIPLEY

POSITION - FORWARD
AGE - 16

Shipley is another 'Gas Girl' with a strong left foot. The Welsh forward has huge potential which was noticed by all of the coaching staff. Shipley only turned 16 in August so her first season in senior women's football will give her the vital experience she needs to progress with the club.

ALVA LANG

POSITION - DEFENDER
AGE - 24

The Swedish centre-back and former UWE Women's Captain joined Bristol Rovers in August. Her communication skills and ability to adapt into her role at an in-house game during the summer, impressed our coaching staff. Her leadership qualities will help to guide our younger players and she has also featured for us at Chipping Sodbury in the Women's FA Cup.

LAUREN ROBERTS

POSITION - MIDFIELDER
AGE - 16

Lauren 'Robbo' Roberts is out third arrival from Wales. Roberts is a tenacious and energetic midfielder with a great ability to press out of possession. She has integrated well within the squad and picked up the 'Player of the Match' award on her debut away to Bishops Cleeve for the Development Team. We look forward to watching her progress throughout the season.

BRISTOL ROVERS BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

(GIRLS' FOOTBALL)

OPEN EVENINGS

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY
THURSDAY 11TH MARCH
THURSDAY 6TH MAY

7PM AT THE MEMORIAL STADIUM

REGISTER NOW!

www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/btec

PLAY FOR ROVERS, LEARN AT ROVERS

- For boys and girls aged 16-18
- Gain a BTEC Level 3 in Sport & Coaching qualifications
- Play for Bristol Rovers in an EFL National League
- Train 3 days a week with UEFA qualified coaches
- Exit routes to University and Scholarships

"A new meaning of education"

@BristolRoversEd @bristolroverscommunity @bristolroversct

Bristol Rovers Women's 6-0 Bristol & West Ladies
Women's FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Bishops Cleeve Ladies 3-4 Bristol Rovers Women's Dev
Gloucestershire County Women's League - Div Two

"The 'Gas Girls' programme focuses on community, education, participation and performance and this model will enable us to grow and develop further in the coming years."

COMMUNITY TRUST WIN 'BEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE' AT THE FA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AWARDS

Bristol Rovers Community Trust have been recognised as the 'Best Community Football Development Initiative' at this year's FA Women's Football Awards for the launch of the new Bristol Rovers Women's team and for their work in the community.

The FA Women's and Girls' Football Participation Awards recognise the achievement of clubs, players, staff and the important work by volunteers at the grassroots level of the game.

The announcement of the award was made via a surprise video call from England and Chelsea forward Fran Kirby, to Bristol Rovers Women's Co-Founder, Matthew Davies which was then released on the Lionesses twitter page.

Since the launch of the 'Gas Girls' project, the Community Trust have seen a dramatic increase in participation figures across...

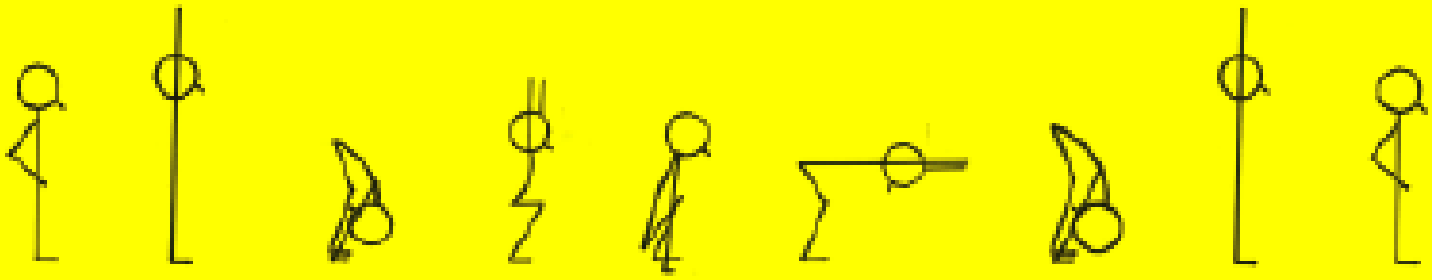
the free football sessions that they host during term-time and a huge rise in applications for the BTEC programme that gives girl's the opportunity to take their first steps into working within the sports industry.

Community Trust CEO, Adam Tutton, said: "I'm absolutely thrilled that we've won this Nationally recognised award. Our success is down to a passionate, hardworking team and their dedication and belief in what they do and what they're hoping to achieve. Without the support of our participants, partners, sponsors, fans and the directors at the football club, we wouldn't have been able to make the impact that we have for women and girls in our community over the last 12 months."

Bristol Rovers Co-Founder, Matthew Davies, said: "The 'Gas Girls' programme focuses on community, education, participation and performance and this model will enable us to grow and develop further in the coming years. The whole team is really excited by what the future holds, and I feel that we've only scratched the surface of our potential."

AHIMSA YOGA
BRISTOL

DESIGNED TO IMPROVE:
STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, POSTURE AND GENERAL WELLBEING



I was taught in the tradition of Gitananda Yoga, which is based on the authentic teachings of various paths of Yoga that include Hatha Yoga.

Hatha Yoga promotes subtle exercises, gentle and relaxing movements, and postures (Asanas), along with conscious breathing. It helps bring into union breath, mind and body.

Hatha Yoga is accessible for everyone. You don't have to be super fit or super bendy.

Visit www.ahimsayogabristol.co.uk

Hatha Yoga Classes are held at Portland Therapy Staple Hill every Saturday 9.15 – 10.15am and Tuesday 6.45 – 7.45pm, all levels welcome.

Mats are provided, but feel free to bring your own, if you have one.

For more information contact Bob on 07514 298827 or email info@AhimsaYogaBristol.co.uk

Working in partnership with Bristol Rovers Community Trust

To reserve your place please contact Portland Therapy on 0117 9565855 or email: enquiries@portlandtherapycentre.co.uk

Price per class: £7

Portland Therapy Centre, Church Court, North View, Staple Hill, Bristol BS16 4NQ

JEN ATHERTON

SPONSORED BY

LIBBY BELL

SPONSORED BY

MORGAN & CARTER POWELL,POWYS GAS

GEORGINA BURGESS

SPONSORED BY

AWESOME FITNESS

CHLOE CAMPBELL

SPONSORED BY

NATALIE COLES

SPONSORED BY

BARRETT BOOK KEEPING

KELLY CUTLER

SPONSORED BY

KATIE DAVIES

SPONSORED BY

GB ALARMS & ELECTRICS

ZOE FIELDEN-STEWART

SPONSORED BY

SHANNON FRANCIS

SPONSORED BY

ASPINLINE LTD

JESS FRAZER

SPONSORED BY

NATASHA GALPIN

SPONSORED BY

ROSIE HALL

SPONSORED BY

LAUREN HARRIS

SPONSORED BY

SARAH HARRIS

SPONSORED BY

ANNA HUBBLE

SPONSORED BY

RICH BUCHANNAN PHOTOGRAPHY & WESTBURY PARK TAVERN

EMILY HULBERT

SPONSORED BY

JOSIE JAMES

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

GEORGIA JOHN

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

ZOE JONES

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

FREYA JONES-GRIFFITHS

SPONSORED BY SLEEPERS AND SUPERCARS UK & RICH BUCHANNAN PHOTOGRAPHY

ALVA LANG

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

CHEYENNE LEE

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

APRIL LUCIA-SCADDING

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

JESS LUMBER

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

KELSEY MANNING

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

BETTY PLATT

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

KATIE RAWLINGS

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

LAUREN ROBERTS

SPONSORED BY CONSULT & TRAIN

ROSSANA ROCHA

SPONSORED BY B. EAST PHOTOGRAPHY

FREYA SHEEDY

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

TAMSIN SHIPLEY

SPONSORED BY PARK PLASTERING

HANNAH THOMPSON

SPONSORED BY Brunel GROUP

ANNYS TURNER

SPONSORED BY

GEORGIA VANDRIES

SPONSORED BY
ELLIANNA &
ZAVANNAH WARE

POPPY WARREN

SPONSORED BY
VISION SPORTS ANALYSIS

SOPHIE WHITEFORD

SPONSORED BY

JAMIE-LEIGH WORLOCK

SPONSORED BY
GASCAST

'GAS GIRLS' VOLUNTEER STAFF

ADAM TUTTON

CHAIRMAN

NATHAN HALLETT-YOUNG

CO-FOUNDER, FIRST-TEAM MANAGER

MATTHEW DAVIES

CO-FOUNDER, CLUB SECRETARY, MEDIA & MARKETING MANAGER

ABBIE JONES

DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER

DEBBIE PHILIPS

MATCH SECRETARY & MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER

LOTTIE WEEKS

FIRST-TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER

PAUL MASON

FITNESS COACH

WILL DIXON

DEVELOPMENT TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER

JAVIER GORODI

CLUB ANALYST

JACK SULLY

GOALKEEPER COACH

JAKE LANE

GOALKEEPER COACH

GET 10% OFF ALL ORDERS UNDER £500 | USE CODE: BRWFCASPSF AT CHECKOUT
one use per customer

LIONESS
#1
SCORE
13
GEEZ IT!

DO YOU NEED
PATCHES, PINS, LANYARDS, HEAT TRANSFER PRINTS?

SHANNON FRANCIS - #17

CONTACT
GASGIRLS DEFENDER & ASPINLINE MANAGER
SHANNON TODAY!

WE SUPPLY TO NIKE, PREMIER LEAGUE, FA WSL, THE FA, ASOS, LEVI'S AND MANY MORE

0117 956 6657 SALES@ASPINLINE.CO.UK WWW.ASPINLINE.CO.UK

@aspinline @aspinlineuk aspinlineuk

FIXTURE LIST
BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S

Fixtures subject to change

September

06 **(H) Bristol & West Ladies 6-0 (FA Cup)**

27 (A) Chipping Sodbury Ladies 4-2 (FA Cup)

October

04 **(H) AEK-Boco Ladies (FA Cup)**

11 (A) Bristol & West Ladies

November

01 (A) Abbeymead Rovers Ladies

08 (A) Gloucester City Ladies

15 (A) Cotswold Rangers Women's

22 **(H) Pucklechurch**

29 **(H) Bristol & West Ladies**

December

13 **(H) Gloucester City Ladies**

20 (A) Pucklechurch

January

10 **(H) Abbeymead Rovers Ladies**

31 (A) Longwell Green Ladies

February

07 **(H) Cotswold Rangers Women's**

28 **(H) Longwell Green Ladies**

RICH BUCHANAN PHOTOGRAPHY

WEDDINGS SPORT PORTRAIT

WWW.RICHBUCHANANPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

@ RICHBUCHANANPHOTOGRAPHY@GMAIL.COM

@RICHBUCHANANPHOTOGRAPHY